

## COASTAL ZONE REQUIREMENTS

If the proposed district falls within the Coastal Zone, an additional Coastal Development permit is required through the Planning and Building Department. The current application fee is \$1,050 and is the responsibility of the requestor(s). For current information regarding this matter, please contact the Planning Department at (562) 570-6194.

## HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Once a preferential parking district is established, residents must complete an application to request parking permits. Applications can be obtained at the Parking Citation counter in the Lobby of City Hall, or by visiting [www.longbeach.gov/parking/](http://www.longbeach.gov/parking/). To have an application mailed to you, please call (562) 570-6822.

Residents will be asked to provide proof of current residency, such as a valid driver license or utility bill, and a copy of current vehicle registration. The current fee for an annual permit is \$33 for each vehicle, with a maximum of 3 permits per household and one guest permit.

Temporary guest permits valid for up to seven consecutive days from issuance are available free of charge from the Parking Citation counter in the Lobby of City Hall, or by visiting [www.longbeach.gov/parking/](http://www.longbeach.gov/parking/).

Permits must be renewed annually and may be renewed by mail.

### For More Information

**Preferential Parking District Program:**  
Contact the Traffic Engineering Division at  
(562) 570-6331.

**Permits:**  
Contact the Commercial Services Bureau at  
(562) 570-6822.

**Parking Citations:**  
Contact (562) 570-6822



### **City of Long Beach Public Works**

333 W. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Phone: (562) 570-6383

[www.longbeach.gov/pw/](http://www.longbeach.gov/pw/)

# PREFERENTIAL PARKING

A Guide to Preferential Parking  
Districts in the City of Long Beach



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## WHAT IS A PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT?

The Long Beach Municipal Code Section 10.32 allows establishment of Preferential Parking Districts to alleviate certain parking problems in residential areas. These districts limit the length of time vehicles may be parked on-street, unless a valid residential permit is displayed.

## STEPS FOR ESTABLISHING A PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT

**1.** If you are interested in establishing a preferential parking district in your neighborhood, you will need to submit the following information:

- The exact boundaries of the requested parking district (for example, the 1000 block of Main Street both sides from xxx Avenue to yyy Street)
- The requested time limit for legal parking without a permit (usually one or two hour parking)
- The requested effective days/hours (standard options are 9am - 6pm, or 9am - 9pm, excluding Sundays and holidays)

This information is to be submitted in writing to:

City Traffic Engineer  
333 W. Ocean Blvd, 10th Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

City staff will review your request and survey the affected streets to confirm that more than 75% of available on-street parking is occupied, and more than 50% of the parked vehicles are not registered in the area.

Conditions where a preferential parking district is not recommended include:

- The area is not self-contained. Preferential parking cannot be approved if it is likely to relocate a parking problem onto other residential streets.
- The area is too small. We are unable to recommend establishing a parking district that does not include entire blocks or less than ten properties.
- The area contains apartments or condominium units, indicating that resident parking demand exceeds available on-street parking.
- The area's zoning allows non-residential uses, indicating that preferential parking would negatively impact legitimate business use.

If the request meets these general conditions, staff will prepare and send petition forms for you to circulate.



**2.** Once our office has sent you the required forms, circulate the petition among properties within the requested district.

You must obtain signatures verifying support for a preferential parking district from at least two-thirds of the residents of all units of occupancy within the proposed district.

**3.** Prepare a set of pre-addressed mailing labels including all properties (residents, property owners and commercial tenants) within 400 feet of the proposed district boundaries, and submit to our office along with the completed petitions.

The City Clerk will use the mailing labels to notify all affected properties of a public hearing for the City Council to consider establishing a district. Costs may be involved with preparing the mailing labels, if you require consultant assistance to identify property owners.



**4.** Be prepared to testify at a City Council meeting in support of establishing the district.

The City Council will consider any testimony for or against a preferential parking district presented at the public hearing. If approved, an Ordinance will be adopted to establish the district. The Ordinance becomes effective approximately 45 days after the public hearing.

A \$1,349 non-refundable deposit is required to perform a parking study and process necessary resident petitions for City Council consideration. If the district is approved, the signs will cost \$115 each and will be installed approximately one every three properties.